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DTSC Announces Training to Help Businesses Comply With Environmental Laws

SACRAMENTO--- Citing the need to focus more resources to help businesses voluntarily comply with complicated environmental rules, the California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is presenting classes to assist small and medium sized companies that generate hazardous wastes. DTSC will present this service in partnership with local regulatory agencies called CUPAs, or Certified Unified Program Agencies.

Monterey County will host the next class on September 22, 1999, in Salinas at the Richard W. Nutter Agricultural Conference Center. To register, call Monterey County at 831-647-7865. The cost of the class is \$75.

DTSC and the CUPAs value education as a necessary compliment to a strong enforcement presence and as a means of helping businesses avoid violations and penalties. In less than eight hours, DTSC and CUPA experts review basic generator requirements and answer questions on the **12 Steps to Compliance**: waste determination, generator status & EPA ID numbers, pollution prevention, accumulation requirements, container and tank management, recycling and special cases, treatment and tiered permitting, contingency planning, training, manifests and transportation, record keeping, and inspections and compliance.

BUSINESSES WILL ALSO LEARN answers to the following questions: How to understand complex regulatory requirements; what resources are available to answer technical and regulatory questions; how do I comply with the laws; how do I avoid injuring employees or damaging public health and the environment; how do I minimize the likelihood of penalties from formal enforcement actions; and how do I reduce waste and save money?

Hazardous waste generators in other jurisdictions should call their local CUPA and request a Generator Workshop program be sponsored in their area. Any business group or association can also sponsor these DTSC classes. For information on DTSC's generator training, contact Ann Carberry, Hazardous Waste Trainer at (916) 255-3660.

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DTSC is one of the six boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting reduction.